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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LAW ET AL.

Examiner

James N. Smalley

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Turner US 4,949,865.

Turner '865 discloses a cover, and inherently discloses a container, whereby a portion of the closure comprising inner wall (44) and sealing bead (54) will enter the container opening and plug-seal the container. Examiner asserts the insertion of the plug into a container neck will inherently compress the container contents to even a slight degree, raising the internal pressure above ambient.

3. Claims 1-2 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dutt et al. US 4,747,511.

Dutt '511 teaches a cover for a container, including a closure which can swivel about a about an axis substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis, and whereby a portion of the cover comprising inner wall (58) and sealing bead (80) will enter the container opening and plug-seal the container. Examiner asserts the insertion of the plug into a container neck will inherently compress the container contents to even a slight degree, raising the internal pressure above ambient.

4. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogden US 4,871,077.

Ogden '077 teaches a container and cover, whereby a portion of the closure comprising inner wall (26) and sealing rings (23) will enter the container opening and plug-seal the container. Examiner asserts the insertion of the plug into a container neck will inherently compress the container contents to even a slight degree, raising the internal pressure above ambient.

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5. Claims 1-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bielecki et al. US 6,702,138.

Bielecki '138 teaches a container, and closure having projections (208) for engagement with channel members (128) having two generally perpendicular portions, spout (210), a closure member (240), and whereby a portion of the closure comprising sealing ring (204) will enter the container opening and plug-seal the container as it slides along container inner wall of collar (122). Examiner asserts the insertion of the plug into a container neck will inherently compress the container contents to even a slight degree, raising the internal pressure above ambient.

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Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US 5,251,776

US 3,721,361

US 5,036,993


US 697,371

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James N. Smalley whose telephone number is (571) 272-4547. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9-6:30, Alternate Fri 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee Young can be reached on (571) 272-4549. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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